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I recall that last spring you were interested in working out a study of Soviet Political and Military Doctrine, from the pre-Revolutionary period through World War II to the present, what little we know of it. As Mr. Dulles wrote you last May 6, we have been interested in such a study too, but as he suggested, a fairly substantial research effort would be needed before top-drawer people could do anything really useful on it.

As it has developed, the Air Force, at just about the same time last spring, concluded, unknown to us, an extensive unclassified compilation on Soviet Military Doctrine which we are sending to you herewith. We are asking the U.S. Air Force to furnish you with the classified pamphlet setting forth the sources on which this study is based.

This report collects and analyzes all available known and published information about the Red Army's principles of warfare. It is broken down into three parts covering basic Soviet Military Doctrine, the influence upon it of political doctrine, Soviet principles of war and Soviet tactical and operational practice for various combat arms. It appears to us that the report is a long step forward toward a useful basis for work on this subject by our best people.

Sincerely,
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